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	First Named Inventor	Harold K. Hilfiker
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APPLICATION FOR REISSUE OF:  
(check applicable box)☒ Utility Patent☐ Design Patent☐ Plant Patent

## APPLICATION ELEMENTS (37 CFR 1.173)

1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/56)  
(Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. ☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☒ Specification and Claims in a double column copy of patent format (amended, if appropriate)
4. ☒ Drawing(s) (proposed amendments, if appropriate)
5. ☒ Reissue Oath / Declaration (original or copy)  
(37 C.F.R. 1.175)(PTO/SB/51 or 52)
6. ☐ Power of Attorney
7. Original U.S. Patent currently assigned? ☒ Yes ☐ No  
(If Yes, check applicable box(es))  
☒ Written Consent of all Assignees (PTO/SB/53)  
☒ 37 C.F.R. 3.73(b) Statement (PTO/SB/96)
8. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, Computer Program (Appendix) or large table
9. Nucleotide and/or Amino Sequence Submission  
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    - ii. ☐ paper
  - c. ☐ Statements verifying identity of above copies

## ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

10. ☒ Statement of status and support for all changes to the claims.  
See 37 CFR 1.173(c).
11. ☐ Original Patent Grant  
☐ Ribbed Original Patent Grant  
☐ Statement of Loss (PTO/SB/55)
12. ☐ Foreign Priority Claim (35 U.S.C. 119)  
(if applicable)
13. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☒ Copies of IDS Citations
14. ☐ English Translation of Reissue Oath/Declaration  
(if applicable)
15. ☒ Preliminary Amendment
16. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
(Should be specifically itemized)
17. ☒ Other: Offer to Surrender U.S. Patent

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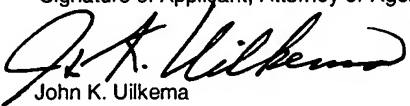
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Claims in Patent	For	Number Filed in Reissue Application	(3) Number Extra	Small Entity		Other than a Small Entity	
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(A)	Total Claims (37 CFR 1.16(j)) Independent Claims (37 CFR 1.16(i))	(B) 19	****	X\$____=		or	X\$____=
(C)		(D) 3	*	X\$____=			X\$____=
Basic Fee (37 CFR 1.16(h))					\$385		OR
Total Filing Fee					\$385	\$	
<b>Claims as Amended - Part 2</b>							
	(1) Claims Remaining After Amendment	(2) Highest Number Previously Paid For	(3) Extra Claims Present	Small Entity		Other than a Small Entity	
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Total Additional Fee					\$147	OR	\$
<p>* If the entry in (D) is less than the entry in (C), Write "0" in column 3.</p> <p>** If the "Highest Number of Total Claims Previously Paid For" is less than 20, Write "20" in this space.</p> <p>*** After any cancellation of claims</p> <p>**** If "A" is greater than 20, use (B - A); if "A" is 20 or less, use (B - 20).</p> <p>***** "Highest Number of Independent Claims Previously Paid For" or Number of Independent Claims in Patent (C).</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 27 CFR 1.27.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please charge Deposit Account No. <u>50-0918</u> in the amount of <u>\$532</u>. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR 1.16 or 1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <u>50-0918</u>. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the filing / additional fee is enclosed.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.</p> <p><b>WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on form PTO-2038.</b></p> <p>3/12/04 Date</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Signature of Applicant, Attorney or Agent of Record  John K. Uilkema</p> <p>20,282 Registration Number, if applicable</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Typed or printed name</p>							

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Title: **COMPRESSIBLE WELDED WIRE WALL FOR  
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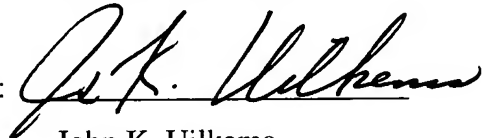
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With respect to the above-identified patent application, attached herewith  
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With respect to the above-identified patent application, enclosed herewith  
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